

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tanguay of Lewiston.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT to Clarify the Organization of the Department of Health and Welfare.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 1, amended.** The first paragraph of section 1 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The Department of Health and Welfare, as heretofore established and hereinafter in this Title called the "department" shall consist of ~~2~~ ~~bureaus, as follows: The Bureau of Health and the Bureau of Social Welfare, the heads of which shall be called "directors"~~ such bureaus and divisions as may be required to carry out the work of the department.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 22, § 1, amended.** The 3rd sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 1 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

He may employ such bureau ~~chiefs~~ and ~~division heads~~, deputies, assistants and employees, subject to the Personnel Law, as may be necessary to carry out the work of the department; and they shall be under the immediate supervision, direction and control of the commissioner.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 22, § 1, amended.** The last 3 paragraphs of section 1 of the Revised Statutes are repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Under existing statutes the department has 3 authorized bureaus, health, welfare, administration. We are now operating with a 4th functional bureau, that

of Medical Care Administration, which is not provided for in law, but nevertheless is a necessary organizational unit. This bill would permit the organization of the department on the basis of its organizational needs, rather than on the basis of statutory specificity. Control of the department structure still would be in the legislative structure through the authorization of funds and positions. The requested changes in law would, however, make it possible for the department to reorganize from time to time as conditions and their changes indicated.